

RESPONSE

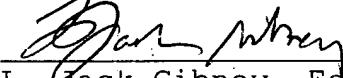
The undersigned submits the following in reference to the specific concerns that the examiner raised in the Office Action Summary dated December 5, 2005.

CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 112

The examiner has rejected the claims under Section 112 for indefiniteness and a failure to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention.

The undersigned has amended some of the claims, cancelled others and incorporated the limitations of certain claims into other claims to address the concerns of the examiner.

The undersigned requests that the examiner review the above referenced amendments and put this application in line for allowance.


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CLAIMS

While the embodiments of the invention have been disclosed, certain modifications may be made by those skilled in the art to modify the invention without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The inventor claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for adding a step in one device, which comprises the following:

two long sides of predetermined dimensions;

two short sides of predetermined dimensions;

a flat planar member;

a step;

hinges; and a

stop mechanism;

wherein the two long sides are identical;

wherein the two short sides are identical;

wherein the two long sides and two short sides when assembled form a base;

wherein the base does not have a bottom surface;

wherein the sides form ~~the base~~ a support for the flat planar member and the step;

wherein the flat planar member is supported by the sides of the device;

wherein the flat planar member is stationary;

wherein the flat planar member is secured to the top surface of the base;

wherein a means to secure the flat planar member to the top surface of the ~~foundation~~ base is provided;

wherein the step is secured to the long sides of the base;

wherein a means to secure the step to the base is provided;

wherein hinges are secured to the mid section of the step and to the mid section of the sides of the device;

wherein the step is allowed to rotate and be elevated off the top surface of the base from an up position to a down position;

wherein the stop mechanism prevents over-rotation
of the step and is permanently affixed to an
inner surface of the device;

wherein when the step is in the down position it will be flush with the flat planar member;

wherein a hole of predetermined size is cut out in the step to raise and lower the step and carry the device.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~flat planar member~~ device as described in Claim 1, wherein the flat planar member is permanently affixed to the top surface of the base by screws.

3. (Currently Amended) The step device as described in claim 1, wherein ~~it~~ the step can be raised to approximately six to eight inches above the flat planar member.

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5. (Currently Amended) The hinges device as described in claim 1, wherein ~~they~~ the hinges are supported by a nut and bolt assembly.

6. (Currently Amended) The hinges device as described in claim 1, wherein the hinges allow rotation of the step, approximately 110 degrees from the up position to the down position.
7. (Currently Amended) The hinges device as described in claim 1, wherein there are hinges are provided on both sides of the recessed step.
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